

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Coosa County

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## **Accomplishments**

CONTINUATION OF THE GED PROGRAM IN GOODWATER, AL, COOSA COUNTY  
THE ALABAMA, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE SPF-SIG (STRATEGIC PREVENTION  
FRAMEWORK-STATE INCENTIVE GRANT) GRANTED, INCLUDING COOSA COUNTY.  
SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES IN COOSA COUNTY

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### CHILDREN STAY OUT OF TROUBLE

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
CHEAHA MENTAL HEALTH JUVENILE COURT LIAISON FAITH BASED YOUTH PROGRAMS MULTI-NEEDS AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM COURT REFERRAL PROGRAM FOR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL THE SPF-SIG GRANT (TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE PROGRESSION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING UNDERAGE DRINKING) BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, IN GOODWATER, AL	NA/AA MEETINGS FOR JUVENILES (AS WELL AS ADULTS) COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/SRO BEGIN WITH 5TH GRADERS A "DRUG AWARENESS" PROGRAM OR "PREVENTIVE PROGRAM"...(EX. "DARE PROGRAM", AVAILABLE AT ONE TIME, MANY YEARS AGO) SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FOR 16-18 YR OLD JUVENILES

#### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

THE SPF-SIG GRANT

COOSA COUNTYS SCHOOL SRO BE TRAINED IN KNOWLEDGE AND MATERIAL PROVIDED FOR A "DRUG AWARENESS" PROGRAM, BEGINNING IN THE 5TH GRADE

HAVE THE DRUG DOG VISIT THE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL PARKING LOT, AT LEAST 3 TIMES EACH SCHOOL YEAR

BIG BROTHER MENTORING PROGRAM

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### IMPROVED GRADUATION RATE

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SCHOOL COUNSELORS CAREER DAY GED CLASSES SUMMER SCHOOL	ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS/INCENTIVES INDUSTRY/JOBS VOCATION/TRADE CLASSES TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

PARTNER WITH SCHOOL SYSTEM

PARTNER WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN JOBS AND INDUSTRY

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

DECREASED BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; BIRTH CONTROLS AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS CHEAHA MENTAL HEALTH JUVENILE COURT LIAISON JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER PARENTS INTEREST AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR TEENAGERS	

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADVERTISING THE FREE PROGRAMS AND FREE BIRTH CONTROL AND CONFIDENTIALITY

MORE PARENTAL SUPERVISION AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN

SCHOOL COUNSELORS